

# CONTACT

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## Pastor Of Elkhart, Ind., Resigns; Father Holsinger To Succeed

Pastor of St. Vincent's parish, Elkhart, Indiana, for the past several years, the Rev. Edward G. Werling, '02, has resigned this responsibility but as pastor emeritus will continue to live there. He is succeeded by the Rev. Carl Holsinger, S.T.L., '21, who comes to St. Vincent's from the Catholic Settlement House, Gary, Indiana.

In all the years that he has done parish work in the Diocese of Ft. Wayne, Father Werling has remained close to St. Joseph's with an interest that has no doubt done much good that cannot be measured. A complimentary word here, a suggestion there, have certainly prompted a number of boys and young men to select the school as the place to build for their future.

### Donates Annual Award

As an incentive to scholarship and emulation in studies, Father Werling has donated a gold medal as an award to the high school junior who received the highest average annually. Frequently he has visited the campus especially at the time of the spring homecoming gatherings.

Grateful for all his kindly deeds, St. Joseph's wishes Father Werling God's rich spiritual blessings and many years of happy leisure.

## James Cooney, '40 Earns Commission

An economics major of the class of 1940, James H. Cooney of Woodstock, Illinois, did not aspire to commissions when he entered the armed service; he went in as a buck private.

But Jim has come up from the ranks. A member of a medical corps in the European theatre, he was recently commissioned a second lieutenant. In the thick of the fighting, he was with the boys on Christmas when the Germans made their counter attack which forced the Yanks to retreat out of Germany into Luxembourg.

Lieut. Cooney is now stationed in Belgium.

## Pfc. J. B. Terveer Appreciates SLF

One who in recent years received the benefit of the Student Loan Fund at St. Joseph's expresses his appreciation in the following letter:

3109 Highland Avenue  
Milwaukee 8, Wisconsin  
February 5, 1945

Dear Father,

I want to thank you and St. Joseph's once again for permitting me to obtain a Catholic education, which has enabled me to continue with my studies in medical school.

When I look back about three years, I remember how I used to worry about being able to continue my studies. Then, because of the kindness of the Precious Blood Fathers, I was able to continue with my premedical work. Again things broke right for me when the Army decided to pay my way through medical school. I am a second semester sophomore and I'm almost out of debt.

No, I'll take that back: I don't think I'll ever be out of debt to St. Joseph's; I only hope that someday I'll be able to repay some of the benefits I received while at St. Joe.

Sincerely,  
Pfc. J. B. Terveer

## Chaplain Kuhns Rates Captaincy

Chaplain Harold W. Kuhns, C.P.P.S., '33, has been promoted to the rank of Captain, it was announced February 3, by Col. A. E. Key, Commanding Officer of Pyote Army Air Field, Pyote, Texas, where Father Kuhns is stationed.

Father Kuhns was assistant at St. Mark's parish, Cincinnati.

## Lieut. Ed Fischer To Write History Of Burma Area

Instructor in journalism and director of public relations, on leave from St. Joseph's of Indiana since October 5, 1942, Lieut. Edward A. Fischer, '34, has been appointed by his commanding officer, Colonel Bray in Burma to write the history of the Northern Combat Area Command—the Burma military campaign.

The assignment was given him soon after he had traveled one day in advance of the first convoy over the Ledo-Burma Road from Burma to Kunming, China, and had returned by plane over the notorious hump to Burma.

Of the assignment, he writes: The task will be tremendous. I have already gathered bales of maps and files. Official reports are so dull that trying to breathe life into them will be similar to creation. But it is a job with plenty of satisfaction in it—and it will be a dry job during the monsoons.

As Public Relations Officer for his group on the trip into China, Lieut. Fischer had as his job to take care of the fifty-five foreign correspondents who accompanied them. There were representatives from Life, News-Week, Time, AP, UP, INS, Readers' Digest, New York Times, Blue Network, Newsreel Companies, and many others.

We were fortunate in not losing any of the 300 men and 113 vehicles en route. We were held up for three days while the Japs were shoved off the road in front



Lieut. Edward Fischer

of us. And the Chinese held them at bay while we ran the gauntlet. Except for a few snipers, we had no contact with the enemy. But snipers aren't so bad; I fear cab drivers in the Chicago Loop much more.

The Chinese in every town through which we passed staged a celebration for us. It was climaxed when we reached Kunming and a national holiday was declared. This city of over a million population really turned out to jam the street for several miles. After the parade, the Governor of Yunnan Province gave a party in our honor. As entertainment we had two Chinese operas, plus Lily Pons and Andre Kostelantetz.

With his heart at St. Joseph's Lieut. Fischer admits the nostalgia for wearing a tweed suit and a blue tie again, and the desire to share his \$100,000 education with the students.

## Good Neighbor At Remington Leaves For St. John's, Tipton

Perhaps his promotion from the pastorate of Sacred Heart parish, Remington, to St. John's Tipton, comes somewhat as a silver-jubilee gift to the Rev. James M. Fitzgerald, '14; for this year marks the twenty-fifth since his ordination and First Solemn Mass in 1920.

Illness has incapacitated the Rev. F. Joseph Bilstein, for many years pastor of St. John's; Father Fitzgerald left the Collegeville suburb March 8 to become administrator of this parish. During the thirteen years that he has been pastor of the Remington parish the college has welcomed his frequent visits.

The faculty will miss these many informal calls and the reg-

ular attendance of Father Fitzgerald at plays, programs and other campus functions. Tipton, however, is not across the continent; at least for the more formal occasions at the college Father Fitzgerald will continue to be present as he was present since his ordination before duty called him to Remington.

### Dr. John Gerwert Dies

A St. Louis, Missouri, dentist, Dr. John Gerwert, '15, died at his home February 22.



## Type Shots On The Campus As Spring Opens Shutter

"The Explorer Who Stayed At Home," Edward Way Teale, showed some of his 20,000 photographs as he lectured from the Collegeville stage Tuesday evening, March 13. Mr. Teale illustrates his lecture with 16 mm. Kodachrome moving pictures. The author of a half dozen popular books on insects, who won the John Burroughs Medal in 1942, is staff feature writer for **Popular Science Monthly**.

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Brother Dave's barber arm went out of commission temporarily when a cyst which formed on the shoulder muscle became painful. He went to Chicago one Monday where for once a doctor did the cutting and Dave, under a local, looked on. Already on Saturday he was back, rattling his keys to drum up trade. Next Monday the barber shop was open for business as usual.

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An all-school intramural basketball tourney wound up the formal season playing March 8. Although the familiar thump of the ball on the hardwood still continues as some of the pros keep in condition for pasture pool (four of them dug up the first grass roots March 12), baseballs are flying dangerously close to car windows and, on the north campus, spring practice for eleven-man football has begun. Fifty flying dervishes from the academy swing their arms as they try to prance into a berth on the squad.

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A pamphlet containing an explanation of the GI Bill of Rights is now ready for printing. Eligibility, benefits, procedure in application, and the like, of the rehabilitation program are discussed. The bulletin should be ready for mailing soon after Easter.

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Ven. Brother Joseph Muinch, C.P.P.S., has been confined to St. Bernard's Hospital, Chicago, for over three months with a stubborn case of varicose veins. He returned to the college for a few days during February, but was forced to go back to the hospital. Arthritis is now causing him additional suffering.

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## Fishing Fever Gets Him; Hodous Hauls In No Fish

France  
February 21, 1945

Dear Editor,

This will let you know that I'm out of the hospital again and back on the job. In a short time my leg will be completely healed and I will be as good as new.

Last week the snow all disappeared. The weather has that familiar twang of spring so that all of us are being hit by spring fever. I had it so bad yesterday that I hunted up my fishing outfit and tried out the nearby river with a few French flies. Although I caught nothing, the thrill of wetting a line was the same as ever.

I am celebrating my fourth year in the army this month. After serving four years, I hope that I may soon be relieved of army duty; however, I'm willing to remain on to the end.

Here in France things are not too bad. By this time I can speak the French language quite well, and with my present job I do much traveling. I hope to spend a few days in Paris in due time.

Sincerely,  
Capt. F. C. Hodous, '40

## Count Me In On SLF Writes Johnny J. Wetzel

February 14, 1945

Dear Editor,

Because of a shifting billet and the mail service, the folder on the Student Loan Fund reached me rather late. I should like to tell you where it reached me, but as we are in a too forward area I may not even hint.

I have met many St. Joe men out here, who are on different ships. From the last bull session with them, it looks as though we will do some campaigning together. I'm speaking of Brunton, Davey, and Birkmeier.

The real purpose of this letter is to count me in on the Student Loan Fund at least in a small way. Good luck with it and best wishes to Fathers Dreiling, Zanolari, Brother Phil, and all the others who made my stay at St. Joseph's so profitable.

Sincerely,  
Johnny J. Wetzel

## Talk And Beer Flow Free On Marianas Sundays

February 20, 1945

Dear Editor,

Today I received my alumni card. I'm glad to find that I'm still a member away over here in the Pacific. But don't forget that the Mariana Islands had St. Joseph's; Con Vanderkolk and I sat over a good number of beers on Sundays in the Marine Officers' Clubs, talking over the days at the college and what we would give to be back there.

Bob Shields landed too late and left too soon to say much; but we will get together again. Vandi and I held down this island while Bob and Bill Gladen were together back in Hawaii.

If any of the boys come to this part of the world, they should drop in and see me.

Sincerely,  
Pfc. G. J. McCarthy

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## Chap. Moore Transfers To Hospital Assignment

England  
79th Gen. Hospital  
February 1, 1945

Dear Editor,

I have been in England for more than six months. With the Infantry at first, I have been transferred to hospital work; please send alumni publications to my new address.

At another hospital I met Father Charles Meyers, C.P.P.S., and I have also run into Joe Gibsen, '31. Joe had been wounded and was in process of being reclassified and reassigned.

Sincerely,  
Chaplain Kenneth C. Moore, '32

## Don Leavitt At Marquette Continues In Chemistry

931 N. 10th St.  
Milwaukee 3, Wisc.  
March 8, 1945

Dear Editor,

I just received my latest edition of CONTACT, and it reminded me that I haven't been much in contact with Pumaville lately. So here goes on this loyal St. Joe man.

A year ago last month I left St. Joe to continue my studies at Marquette where, by the way, St. Joe men are very well thought of because of their accomplishments. After one semester, I was forced to interrupt work for two semesters, but recently I returned to complete my course in chemistry and get my degree a year from June.

Several At Marquette

There are several former Collegeville students here at present. Bob Farrell will be getting his M.D. very shortly; John Terveer and Kay Kennedy are in med school; Joe Guckien goes into med in May. Bill Zink and Bob Stineman also are holding up St. Joe traditions here in the dairyland state.

Not having returned to the campus since Father Lucks' initiation into presidential duties, I am looking forward to a visit some week end soon.

Sincerely,  
Don Leavitt

## Capt. James Heckmann Meets Father B. Scharf

751st Tank Battalion  
February 9, 1945

Dear Editor,

I ran across Father Bernard Scharf, C.P.P.S., '23, the other day, and it was swell seeing him again, especially over here. You can be sure that we had quite a confab about St. Joe.

Send all copies of CONTACT to my home address, 1639 Tyler Parkway, Louisville 4, Kentucky, as I don't want to miss any of them.

Sincerely,  
Capt. James F. Heckmann, '34

## Bob Stadtmiller In Pacific

His work in gunnery school completed in January, 1944, S 1/c R. J. Stadtmiller was sent to San Francisco for eight months before assignment to a destroyer. Aboard the USS Gregory, he is now in the Pacific.



## STRONG MAN ARMED



Now in Hawaii, Sgt. Charlie Simms, A.B., '31, continues as physical training instructor. An Economics major, strong-man Charlie insists that the picture isn't faked.

## Pfc. Carl Caston Nears Open Gates

Another transfer has brought Pfc. Carl Caston much nearer the open gates of St. Joseph's of Indiana. Still receiving attention for a leg injury inflicted in the Italian campaign, he has been transferred from Washington, D. C. to the Percy Jones Hospital, Battle Creek, Michigan.

Machine-gun fire severed the posterior tibial artery and nerve of Carl's right leg and shattered the bone. Osteomyelitis developed and the wound remains open, but he is grateful to have the use of the limb.

I have received three letters from three different alumni, writes Carl; one from Bob De Shon, another from Bob Johnson, who is now in Colorado, and the third from Kenneth Platt, who is serving with the English army in India. I've also heard from Jim Channell in Cleveland.

The distance between Battle Creek and St. Joe should be short enough to permit an occasional week end visit.

## Klinefelter Injured, At U.S. Base Hospital

Eugene Klinefelter, '44, has been wounded in action and is returning to the states. Serving in the European Theatre Gene stepped on a mine. The injury necessitated the amputation of his foot four inches above the ankle. He intends to re-enter St. Joseph's upon discharge to continue his pre-med course.

## Priest 42 Years Dies February 22

After forty-two years in the priesthood, the Rev. Vincent Muinch, C.P.P.S., '99, died at the Motherhouse, Carthagen, Ohio, February 22. He was seventy-one years old last December 12.

During all of these forty-two years, Father Muinch was engaged in parish work. Zealous in his care of souls, he found his recreation among the flowers and shrubs with which he beautified the lawns and gardens at his several appointments.

He was retired from active duty last November.

## Clarence Holladay Wins Promotion

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, ITALY—Norman Clarence Holladay recently was promoted from second to first lieutenant. He is assistant platoon commander in a medical battalion with the 10th "Mountaineer" Infantry Division.

A clerk, and formerly a student at St. Joseph's of Indiana, Collegeville, Indiana, Holladay entered service in August, 1943, receiving his commission at Camp Barkeley, Texas.

## John Richard II Born Feb. 4 To Lieut. And Mrs. Labadie

In the home at 202 Main Street, Ottawa, Ohio, where all alumni are welcome, there was much rejoicing February 4. For that day Lieut. and Mrs. John R. Labadie became the parents of John Richard II. Lieut. Labadie finished his junior college work in 1935.

## Urge To Shake Loose Sounds Reveille For Class Of 1942

The old urge struck me upon receiving CONTACT, or maybe it's regimentation creeping out; at any rate, I began to think of some of the fellows in the class of '42, and a few nicknames began to shake loose. I wonder if you can keep from smiling as the names bring back memories!

How about Jumbo, Ike, and Single—Apple, Buck, and the two Eds of Sultan Jive—Goots the Greek and Patsy? Who's heard from Our Boy, the three Bills, of Stage, of Indianapolis, and the Gay One? Where are those two Joes, T and Owski, Ben, Stan, de Fag, and Satchel Jack? Remember Remi, Bubalo, the Puma Photog, and Fr. Lucks' right hand, Bob? What about Doc, Beefy, Red, and Ted? We can't forget those buddies who wandered away before the senior year—Abe, Cash, and all the rest!

### Report In To CONTACT

What do you say, fellows, to reporting in to CONTACT with a two or three-line comment (we never burdened ourselves), recalling something at St. Joe, concerning a classmate, or about your present activity? Let go now with a few scribbled words on a postcard or V-Mail while the wild is still calling. We'd all enjoy it!

It could be similar to "Am an artillery forward observer in France"; "Two days up with the infantry and two back"; "When on the line, haven't missed seeing at least two Germans every day."

This is a 1945 line check, and reporting yourself present is your request for a place at that first little "tea" party we're having at St. Joe afterwards!!

Roger out,  
Lieut. Ralph Parker

## Two More Priests Given As Chaplains

Two more chaplains, the Rev. Thomas A. Clayton, C.P.P.S., '31, and the Rev. Leonard J. Kosta, C.P.P.S., '35, have been released for duty in the U.S.N.R.

Father Clayton, who was chaplain at the Academy of Our Lady, Chicago, is awaiting his call; Father Kostka, previously assistant at St. Ambrose Church, Detroit, has entered training at William and Mary College School for Chaplains.

### Paul A. Banet Prisoner

Reported missing in action December 17, Pfc. Paul A. Banet of Ft. Wayne is a prisoner of war in Germany.

## LST Officer Returns For Visit On Campus

Returning to the States early in January after ten months in England on an LST, Lieut. (jg) Henry E. Ritter, Jr., '43, visited his campus friends the first three days of March. He was on a thirty-day leave between assignments.

Eddie participated in the invasion of Normandy. While abroad, the only alumnus he met was Bob Causland, a classmate; their surprise encounter took place in Plymouth, England, before D Day. Since his return he chanced upon Ensign Jessie Dunbar in Norfolk, Virginia.

Lieut. Ritter received his Bachelor of Science degree in accounting. An honor student, he made the Who's Who Among Students and was an active member of the Commerce Club. In basketball, track and football, he played on the varsity teams.

## PROMOTED



Major Juricich

With the Third Battalion of the Ninth Army, Captain Ray Juricich, B.S., '41, has been recommended for battlefield promotion to the rank of Major. His battalion received a recommendation for both the presidential and the French government citation recently.



# Diocesan Alumni Clergymen Get Various Appointments

## Archdiocese Of Cincinnati

In the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, the Rev. John F. Cogan, '96, pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Hamilton, Ohio, has been appointed Dean of the Hamilton Deanery.

The Very Rev. Msgr. Clarence G. Issenmann, S.T.D., J.C.L., Jour. D., '27, has been appointed one of the pro-synodal examiners and one of the two pro-synodal judges.

## Diocese Of Lafayette In Indiana

During the approaching National Catholic Clothing Drive, the Rev. Theodore J. Hammes, '02 of St. Joseph's Church, Elwood, will be Diocesan Director.

The Rev. John P. Schall, '15, pastor of St. Vincent's Church, Logansport, has been appointed Director of the Priests' Eucharistic League.

## Diocese Of Fort Wayne

With the appointment of the Rev. Carl Holsinger, '21, to the pastorate of St. Vincent's parish, Elkhart, the Rev. Lawrence Grothouse, '31 succeeds him as pastor of St. Anthony's chapel, the Catholic Settlement House, in Gary. Father Grothouse comes to St. Anthony's from St. Mark's, Gary, where he was assistant.

The Rev. Louis J. Zenz, '33, has gone from St. Peter's, LaPorte, to Holy Trinity parish, Gary; and the Rev. Daniel Peil, '37, has left St. Bridget's, Hobart, for an assistant's post at St. Mark's Gary.

# India Sight-seeing Occupies Marting

Left behind with some others to complete some work, when his engineering company moved forward, Pfc. John C. Marting was awaiting reassignment when he wrote from New Delhi, India, February 20.

John accidentally cut his foot with an adse December 10. He insists that although the wound was not serious he was kept in a hospital until after New Years and then sent to a convalescent camp. Sight-seeing lately, he gives some observations:

New Delhi, close by, is itself very new and modern—not at all like India in general. Calcutta and Bombay are better examples of India cities. It seems that one certain cast operates all the taxis in the larger cities. They wear long beards and knot their hair in the back. Ferocious looking fellows, they are, however, very agreeable.

Over here you are always arguing and bargaining. There are no standard prices, and the Indian is out to get all he can. The taxis have meters, but the drivers try to charge more for baggage; porters grab your baggage and trot off before you have a chance to say a word. "Soft-hearted Americans will pay."

## Louis Linehan At Ft. Knox

Pvt. Louis J. Linehan, '31, is in the Hq. Co., A.R.T.C., Ft. Knox Kentucky.

## Five Diocesan Aides To Bishop Bennett Saint Joseph Alumni

Five of the diocesan consultants appointed by the Most Rev. J. G. Bennett, D.D., Bishop of Lafayette in Indiana, are alumni of St. Joseph's. Of these, Very Rev. Msgr. Felix Seroczynski and Rt. Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. Travers, V.G., are of the class of 1899. Msgr. Seroczynski is pastor of St. Lawrence parish, Muncie, Msgr. Travers, of St. Mary's, Anderson.

The Rev. William B. Horde-man, '90, is pastor of St. Mary's Church, Frankfort, and the Rev. Robert Halpin, '04, of St. Patrick's, Kokomo. Dean of his district, the Very Rev. Msgr. Copenolle, '11, is pastor of St. John the Baptist parish, Earl Park.

## Monthly High Mass Offered In Chapel

Besides the three High Masses which are offered annually for alumni in the service according to a motion passed at the last general alumni meeting, an additional High Mass is now being sung each month particularly for those who have lost their lives in action.

On the Feast of St. Joseph, March 19, the V. Rev. Henry A. Lucks, President, offered the Solemn High Mass at 8:30 for this intension.

Special prayers are said each evening after Benediction for the temporal and spiritual protection of all the armed forces.

## PLANS FUTURE



Lieut. Lapsys

Lieut. (jg) Stan Lapsys, B.S., '43, has been on L.C.I. (L) 748 in the Philippines since last summer. Stan, who majored in physical education, plans to return to St. Joe for a refresher course after the war in preparation for advanced courses in some university. The quarterback who directed Puma plays through twenty-one successive victories in the '41-'42 seasons and was recognized as the most valuable player on his team his last year in college has his future very definitely planned.

## Lieut. Bob Shields Sees Victory Soon

Outward bound with the Marines, Lieut. Robert F. Shields feels the suspense of approaching combat. "I am confident that we shall take them into camp," he adds, "and it shouldn't take too long."

What I wouldn't give to have old Auggie, Cowboy, and a few others in my outfit. The Japs wouldn't know what hit 'em. And you must admit that these fellows would provide as much entertainment as a whole U. S. O. show.

## Yocis, Wounded, Recovers

With General Patton's Third Army, Capt. Jerome C. Yocis, '40, was wounded December 9, receiving a fractured hip and a leg laceration. The fracture has knit and Jerry is well on the way to complete recovery. Capt. and Mrs. Yocis have a daughter Margaret Ann, about ten months old.

# Ens. T. Warapius Tells Of Activities In Uncle's Service

March 8, 1945

Dear Editor,

This letter to the old school has long been forthcoming, but with time-taking activities so numerous in the service, I have put off writing time and again. Briefly, the history of my activities, trials and tribulations while in service are as follows:

I spent one year in V-12 at John Carroll University in Cleveland, Ohio, completing all but nineteen hours of the requirements for my degree in chemistry. About the first of July, 1944, I was transferred to pre-midshipman school at Asbury Park, New Jersey, where I spent only one month before going to Notre Dame.

Because of low sight qualifications, I was placed in the specialist class there at that time. Unfortunately, upon graduation from that midshipman school, along with eighty others I failed to receive my commission because there were no openings (billets) in our classification.

## Waits For Commission

We left Notre Dame, therefore, with certificates entitling us to commissions at such time as there were billets. We were transferred to Great Lakes as Seamen First Class.

After three months there, I was transferred to Camp Endicott, Rhode Island, where February 6, I received my commission. I am now an Ensign in the civil engineer corps, U. S. Navy Sea Bees, training for departure in the near future with one of the construction battallions.

Sincerely,  
Ens. T. P. Warapius  
C.E.C. (S) U.S.N.R.  
Class of '45

## Lawrence Bechler Marries Home Girl

Returning from four years in the southwest Pacific, S/Sgt. Larry Bechler, '40, was married to Miss Rosemary Schuerman, March 12, in St. James Church, Decatur, Illinois. The Rev. Carl Nieset, C.P.P.S., geology instructor, performed the ceremony.

S/Sgt. Bechler has been assigned to Scott Field, Illinois, as physical training instructor.

## SHAFFER LOSES LIFE

Vincent H. Shafer, '35, of 1644 Jonathan Avenue, Cincinnati 7, Ohio, was killed in action in Luxembourg January 23.